

**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

**REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: applicants arguments filed on June 02, 2008 are convincing, the primary reference teaches away from using the anionic silica base particles<sup>1</sup>. See Also applicants remarks filed on June 06, 2005 with regard to the unexpected results in using the claimed polymers at high conductivities are convincing, (see page 8, second paragraph of the remarks filed on 6/6/05). Also the Terminal Disclaimer filed along with the above amendment overcomes the potential<sup>2</sup> Double Patenting rejection with copending application 10/696,834.
2. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to José A. Fortuna whose telephone number is 571-272-1188. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30-6:00.

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<sup>1</sup> Anionic Base Particles have been interpreted as not including clays, as taught on page 9, lines 13-28, e.g., colloidal silica and polysilicic acid particles.

<sup>2</sup> Potential has been used, because the Double patenting rejection was never made. The examiner was not aware of the copending application, until consulting with examiner Peter Chin on June 2, 2005.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steven P. Griffin can be reached on 571-272-1189. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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